



**City of Scottsdale
Human Services Commission
Regular Meeting**

SUMMARIZED MINUTES

5:00 P.M., Thursday, September 27, 2012
Scottsdale City Hall KIVA
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Steven Rosenberg, Chair
Raoul Zubia, Vice Chair
Nicholas Thomas, Commissioner
Marty Day, Commissioner
Dustin Thomas, Commissioner

ABSENT: Donald Nordlund, Commissioner
Enid Seiden, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Jan Cameron, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Human Services
Bill Murphy, Community Services Executive Director
Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Manager
Kathy Breen, Human Services Manager
Michelle Albanese, Community Assistance Manager
Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator
Cindy Ensign, Human Services Planner and Budget Specialist
Donna Brower, Human Services Coordinator, Granite Reef Senior Center
Trisha Serlin, Human Services Coordinator
Zach Matz, Human Services Representative
Kasey Moyers, Technology Coordinator
Phil Hershkowitz, Recreation Coordinator
Sharon Light-Stephenson, Housing Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commission members present as noted above.

1. Approval of the Minutes - September 13, 2012

Approved 5-0. Motion to approve made by Vice-Chair Zubia and seconded by Commissioner Day.

2. Scottsdale Leadership's Principles for Civil Dialogue Initiative

Cynthia Wenstrom, Chairman, Principles for Civil Dialogue from Scottsdale Leadership Inc, gave a presentation which included the initiative's history and value to the community as well as future growth expectancy for the grassroots program. She asked that the Commission either endorse or adopt the initiative.

Approved 5-0. Motion to adopt the Principles for Civil Dialogue made by Commissioner Nicholas Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Day.

3. CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Programs Set-aside Funding

Justin Boyd, Housing Coordinator, proposed goals and set-aside funding for FY 2013/14 for the City's housing rehabilitation, emergency repair and replacement, and roof repair and replacement programs. His presentation included an outline of the purpose, goals, funding availability and options that would be available to recipients for each program as well as the estimated cost for each program.

Approved 5-0. Motion to approve the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Programs Set-Aside Funding made by Commissioner Nicholas Thomas and seconded by Vice-Chair Zubia.

4. Target Population Presentation: Seniors

Tim Miluk, Human Services Manager, mediated a panel discussion posing six questions to panel members. Panel members included:

Cindy Vargo: Central Region Director, Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter
Ellie Schwartzberg: Vice President of Older Adult Services, Jewish Family & Children Services
Jan Nicpon: Senior Centers Coordinator, Tempe Community Action Agency
Debbra Determan: Executive Director, Foothills Caring Corps, Inc.
Sue Regkinger: Director of Volunteer Services, Duet: Partners in Health & Aging
Alfredo Gonzales: Senior Helpline Supervisor, Area Agency on Aging Region One

- **From your perspective, describe the target population, "Seniors" in Scottsdale.**

Panel members indicated that the target population is diverse and includes individuals from various socio economic groups with varying physical, medical, psychological and lifestyle needs. In addition to seniors, the target population includes family members, caregivers, and volunteers who provide assistance to seniors.

- **What are the most critical needs of the target population "Seniors"?**

Panel members indicated that the most critical needs of the target population are transportation, in-home services, affordable housing and living expenses, and support groups.

- **What services are available to meet those needs?**

Panel members indicated that services currently available to the target population include help lines, education and support groups for individuals and family members, meal programs, adult daycare, counseling, recreation opportunities, and volunteer services that offer a variety of personal services. The general consensus was that although services are available there are not enough resources to satisfy the growing senior and Alzheimer's populations.

- **Are there any unmet needs of the target population "Seniors"?**

Panel members indicated that unmet needs of the target population include accessible and reliable transportation, assistance with air conditioning repairs, healthcare support services, subsidized care giving, more adult day programs and education for Alzheimer's patients, and volunteer recruitment in all areas.

- **Are there any current trends/issues in the target population "Seniors" that we should be aware of?**

Panel members indicated that current trends/issues in the target population include an influx of individuals in need of services related to memory loss, family members and caretakers in need of assistance and counseling, a need for financial planning due to the downturn in the economy, more individuals in need of assistance in navigating the healthcare system, and more individuals choosing to age at home.

- **Is there any last piece of information that you would like to share about "Seniors" that has not been covered?**

Panel members indicated that in addition to the items discussed, seniors need assistance in accessing technology, help in finding resources that will enable them to stay in their home with dignity and respect, services to include homebound seniors in social activities, and social and emotional support.

Commissioners were given the opportunity to ask questions. Discussion continued regarding planning for the ensuing onslaught of seniors, issues with Alzheimer's, home healthcare agencies, methods for disseminating information about available services, accessible and affordable transportation, homecare management, program fundraising, and services available through the Scottsdale Senior Centers.

5. Staff and Commission Updates

There were no staff and Commission updates.

6. Open call to the Public

No members of the public wished to speak.

7. Adjournment

Being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.